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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended to applicant's representative during a telephone interview on June 1, 2006. As discussed with the Examiner, Applicants believe that the prior art does not teach setting a document property of a document, while the Examiner stated that the prior art's placing of a session ID in a document comprises setting a document property of a document.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 11, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12-19, 21, 22, 25, 26 and 28-35 are pending in this Application. Claim 1, 13, 25 and 29 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. Claims 1, 13, 25 and 29 have been amended as discussed with the Examiner. Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12-19, 21, 22, 25, 26 and 28-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,951,652 to Ingrassia Jr, et al. (hereinafter Ingrassia) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,230,171 to Pacifici et al. (hereinafter Pacifici) and U.S. Patent No. 5,774,670 to Montulli.

The Examiner stated that Ingrassia teaches setting a document property of each document contained in a browser to a common value in response to detecting the intent to initiate a collaboration session. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's statement. Ingrassia teaches a Session Id which is synchronized and which is input into a document. Merely placing text into a text box of a document does not qualify as setting a document property of a document. Pacifici and Montulli also fail to disclose or suggest "setting a document property of each document contained in the browser to a common value". The Examiner is taking an unreasonable interpretation of "property" to include any piece of text in a document. Enclosed herewith are definitions of the word property from MSN Encarta and the American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language which define the term "property" as a "characteristic quality, trait or distinctive feature of something". Clearly then, plain text entered into a text box of a document does not, and should not, qualify as a "property" of the document." Accordingly, none of the prior art disclose or suggest the setting of a document property of each document in

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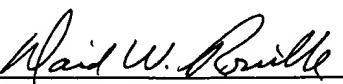
a browser to a common value. As further discussed with the Examiner, claims 1, 13, 25 and 29 have been further amended to recite that the document property is a document domain property. Applicants submit that a new search is not required since Applicant is merely further defining the document property and since the prior art search previously conducted by the Examiner failed to disclose setting a document property, therefore also fails to disclose setting a document domain property.

In view of all the above, the Examiner's rejections are believed to have been overcome pacing the claims in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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